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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7770

BILL NUMBER: SB 457

DATE PREPARED: Feb 12, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Feb 11, 1999

SUBJECT: Professional Standards Board.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill would require the Professional Standards Board (the Board) to determine academic preparation in the teaching of reading in order to qualify for an elementary standard teacher license (12 hours or the equivalent including phonemic awareness and explicit systematic phonic awareness). Specifically, the Board would be required to do the following: 1) identify courses at the various teacher training institutions in Indiana that qualify as courses on the teaching of reading; and 2) determine on an individual basis whether particular courses taken outside of Indiana qualify as courses on the teaching of reading.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under current law, the Board is not required to compile information concerning teaching requirements of reading leading to the accreditation of teachers who attended teacher training institutions outside of Indiana. This bill would require the Board to do so on an individual basis.

The Board reports that it receives approximately 1,600 out-of-state applications per year, and evaluates approximately two such transcripts per day. In order to process the same number of applicants as it does now, while fulfilling the requirements of this bill, the Board reports that it would be required to add work equivalent to one-quarter of the time of a PAT I level educational consultant at approximately \$11,250.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: 1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; 2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; and 3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified.

Based on the 11/30/98 Indiana Personnel Manning Table, 5 of the Board's 30 authorized positions are currently vacant. Of the 5 vacancies, all are either administrative or clerical.

Other sources to fund personnel resources could originate from funds that, otherwise, would be reverted, or from new appropriations. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill would depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Professional Standards Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Tom Hansen, Professional Standards Board, (317) 232-9043; Indiana Personnel Manning Table (11/30/98).